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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000928 - Project No. 558, Unit 1, Line A, Construction of Drop Structure, and Drainage District Improvement No. 26, RC Box Storm Drain Repair, Cities of Vernon and Palos Verdes Estates (1 and 4), to Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$416,360.00.

Project ID No. RDC0013931 - Cornell Road, vicinity of Agoura Hills (3), to Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in amount of \$399,634.35.

Project ID No. RDC0013947 - 210th Street West, vicinity of Fairmont, (5), to Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$114,305.00.

Project ID No. RDC0013964 - Avenue S, vicinity of Pearblossom (5), to Granite Construction Company, in amount of \$423,180.60.

Project ID No. RMD4147013 - Road Division 142 - IV, Slurry Seal, FY 2003-04, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1) to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., in amount of \$296,896.16.

Project ID No. RMD4447033 - Road Division 146/446 - IV, Slurry Seal 2003-04, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier (1 and 4), to Pavement Coatings Company, in amount of \$257,854.93.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2003-04 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 16, 2002, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. FCC0000928.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000928, PROJECT NO. 558, UNIT 1, LINE A, CONSTRUCTION OF DROP STRUCTURE, AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT NO. 26, RC BOX STORM DRAIN REPAIR, (Cities of Vernon and Palos Verdes Estates),
Supervisory Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced concrete drop structure and retaining walls; removal and replacement of grouted riprap; construction of a steel picket fence; repair of a reinforced concrete box storm drain; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 30, 2004 (Synopsis 76)

BID OPENING DATE: April 27, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 1747 Brea, California 92822-1747 (562) 425-0330	\$416,360.00
2	*SRD Engineering, Inc.	\$432,181.00
3	Griffith Company	\$612,440.00
4	*Caliagua, Inc.	\$920,985.00

*MWBE

PPC Construction, Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$392,700.00; however, PPC Construction, Inc., requested that its bid be withdrawn due to a clerical error in the bid computation resulting in a significant underbid. Our review confirmed that a bonafide clerical error has been made and that PPC Construction, Inc., should be relieved of its bid proposal. Therefore, under Section 5103 of the Public Contract Code, we recommend award of the contract to the next lowest, responsible bidder.

Van Elk, Ltd. (VEL), submitted a bid of \$554,310; however, their bid proposal did not include a copy of a resolution from the corporation's board of directors authorizing the person who signed the bid documents, including the bid bond, to sign on behalf of the corporation. The resolution, if it exists, is required at the time of bid submittal as stated in the Instruction to Bidders. Also, the surety bid bond submitted with the bid proposal is

missing the contractor's corporate seal, the title of VEL's principal, the notarized signature of the attorney-in-fact for the surety company, and the notarized signature of VEL's principal. In addition, the bid bond submitted by VEL did not establish unequivocally, at the time of bid opening, that the bid bond would be enforceable against the surety in the event that the bidder failed to meet its obligations; therefore, the bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$353,900.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$416,360.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 62,460.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent above the estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Based on the bid prices received, we do not believe that readvertising the project would result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2003-04.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 16, 2002, your Board approved a Negative Declaration for Project No. 558, Unit 1, Line A, Construction of Drop Structure.

Drainage District Improvement No. 26 RC Box Storm Drain Repair, is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates one accident resulting in a fatality on June 16, 2003. The Southern California Underground Contractors employee who suffered the fatal accident was involved in an automobile accident away from the jobsite, and the accident was not construction related.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013931, CORNELL ROAD (in the vicinity of Agoura Hills),
Supervisory District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement, construction of guardrail and terminal systems, and installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 13, 2004 (Synopsis 53)

BID OPENING DATE: May 11, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sully-Miller Contracting Company, a corporation 1100 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200 Anaheim, California 92801 (714) 578-9600	\$399,634.65
2	Excel Paving Company	\$418,356.00
3	*Ruiz Engineering Company	\$449,054.80
4	Tiffany Company	\$461,211.19
5	S.H.E. Construction Group, Inc.	\$583,966.78

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$442,782.45
Amount of recommended contract	\$399,634.65
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 43,147.80

The amount of the recommended contract is 9.7 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sully-Miller Contracting Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(14), and (x)(17), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013947, 210TH STREET WEST (in the vicinity of Fairmont),
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing of roadway pavement and installation of striping and
pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 20, 2004 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 18, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., a corporation 7311 East Avenue T Little Rock, California 93543 (661) 533-2121	\$114,305.00
2	Granite Construction Company	\$116,890.00
3	International Pavement Solutions, Inc.	\$127,990.30
4	Elite Bobcat Service, Inc.	\$142,568.50

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$103,762.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$114,305.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 10,543.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Asphalt Construction Company has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(2) , of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in September 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013964, AVENUE S (in the vicinity of Pearblossom),
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of roadway pavement and installation of striping and
pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 6, 2004 (Synopsis 39)

BID OPENING DATE: May 4, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Granite Construction Company, a corporation P.O. Box 50085 Watsonville, California 95077-5085 (661) 726-4447	\$423,180.60
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2	Asphalt Construction Co., Inc.	\$430,872.05
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$453,573.10
Amount of recommended contract	\$423,180.60
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 30,392.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.7 percent below the engineer's estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Granite Construction Company has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4147013, ROAD DIVISION 142 - IV SLURRY SEAL,
FY 2003-04 (in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 20, 2004 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 18, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Successful Bidder

	+ Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., a corporation	\$296,896.16
	11922 Bloomfield Avenue	
	Santa Fe Springs, California 90670-4701	
	(562) 864-3363	
2	Doug Martin Contracting Co., Inc.	\$292,258.56
3	*Bond Blacktop, Inc.	\$309,402.72
4	*Pavement Coatings Co.	\$321,879.36
5	California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.	\$354,522.08
6	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$384,860.96

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Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., is a certified Local Small Business Enterprise and its bid qualifies for the local small business enterprise preference. Their bid is within five percent of the amount of the low bid submitted by Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.; therefore, the contract should be awarded to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$299,200.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$296,896.16
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 2,303.84

The amount of the recommended contract is 0.8 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 1, 2004

PROJECT ID NO. RMD4447033, ROAD DIVISION 146/446-IV, SLURRY SEAL, 2003-04
(in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Whittier), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 13, 2004 (Synopsis 53)

BID OPENING DATE: May 11, 2004

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Pavement Coatings Company, a corporation P.O. Box 1491 Cypress, California 90630 (714) 826-3011	\$257,854.93
2	+Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$270,876.76
3	*Bond Blacktop, Inc.	\$280,863.00
4	Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.	\$288,040.61
5	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$300,012.75
6	California Pavement Maintenance Company, Inc.	\$321,999.50

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of engineer's estimate	\$283,700.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$257,854.93
Amount of recommended contract below engineer's estimate	\$ 25,845.07

The amount of the recommended contract is 9.1 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Pavement Coatings Company, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2004.

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